

## BOURBON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2013

A regular meeting for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on January 8, 2013, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room with all Council Members and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person. Member McFarland indicated that the Council needed to reorganize as its first order of business. Member Hanley moved to reappoint Member McFarland as Council President. Initially, no second was had of that motion. Eventually, Member McFarland seconded this motion. The motion passed on a vote of 2 to 1 with Members Hanley and McFarland voting in favor and Member Wattenbarger voting against.

Member McFarland then moved to retain the law firm of Wyland, Humphrey, Wagner & Clevenger, LLP. Mr. Wagner reported first to the Council that his secretary was the daughter of Member Wattenbarger and for conflict purposes. Member Hanley then seconded the motion. The motion passed with Member McFarland and Member Hanley in favor and Member Wattenbarger abstaining.

Member McFarland then moved to retain all department heads, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved by the Council.

The minutes of the prior meeting of the Council were then approved without change or correction.

The town attorney reported on interest expressed to him by Superintendent Burroughs on the conveyance of the old gymnasium to the town, subject to the right to reserve use of that building for present school activities in the same. There was much discussion about the condition of the building and how it would be maintained going forward. Member Wattenbarger suggested that a meeting be held between the Town Council and the School Board to discuss the specifics of such a transfer. It was also noted that the building should be inspected before a final decision was made. Mr. Wagner was asked to contact Superintendent Burroughs to work out the details on how to proceed.

Member McFarland then asked Mr. Wagner to open the bids on the town's tillable acres for the year. The bidders were bidding on a three-year contract to farm 74 acres, more or less. The bids were as follows:

- Brian Clark - \$180.00 per acre with flex rent
- Kenneth Barnhart - \$251.51 per acre
- Chad Young - \$235.00 per acre
- Tim Gochenour - \$190.00 per acre with flex rent
- Chad Nifong - \$330.00 per acre

Member Wattenbarger then moved to table all bids until the next meeting of the Council, so they could be inspected more closely, which motion as seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved.

Bill Keyser then appeared before the Council to report on his inspection of the Great Apple Restaurant building and he showed pictures he had taken, detailing the problems with that structure. Bill recommended that the town have their attorney write the owner about concerns shown by this inspection and to ask what the plans to correct the problems would be. Member McFarland moved to authorize Mr. Keyser to have the town's attorney on this matter write such a letter, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved. Mr. Keyser also talked about the problems once again with the Long house on north Harris Street. He asked that the town attorney be authorized to write Ms. Long and request a specific plan for resolving the problems with this house. The Council authorized the attorney to write such a letter.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported on the response she had received concerning the payment on the fuel tank problem. Apparently the check has been sent, but has been delayed, due to the mail.

Roger Terry asked that a public hearing be scheduled on the ADA transition plan. The Council agreed to set that meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. on the next meeting date.

Member McFarland then moved to reappoint the Clerk-Treasurer, Kim Berger, to the Marshall County Tourism Board, which motion was seconded by Member Hanley and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Christmas decoration award winners were recognized by the Council and the Jonah Best family was recognized as the first-place winner. Mr. Best thanked the town for having such a contest and indicated he thought more decorations were put up as a result of the contest, even by people who did not enter the same.

The Clerk-Treasurer then reported on her fund transfers at year-end. She also reported that the 2013 budget had been approved as advertised. She asked the Council about the invoice she had received from the Marshall County Development Commission and whether the Council wanted to pay the same. The invoice was for \$10,000.00. Member Hanley immediately indicated that he did not think the invoice should be paid. A concern was raised



about the possible backlash from this development commission if Bourbon did not fully participate. A suggestion was made that the normal contribution be reduced to half because of budget restrictions. Member McFarland asked that he be given time to meet with the interim director so that he could discuss what benefit the contribution would have for the town.

Officer Kanarr then appeared before the Council to present the monthly police report in the absence of Chief Martin. Officer Kanarr indicated that Chief Martin's father had passed away that day. The Council expressed their deepest sympathy to Chief Martin on loss. Officer Kanarr also reported that applications were being received for the Reserve Officer Program. The Clerk-Treasurer indicated that a publication was being made in the paper concerning the same.

Roger Terry next appeared before the meeting and filed his monthly report. He mentioned the need to replace a garage door on his west building. The Council asked him to contact D.C. Garage for their quote and then go with the cheaper of the two quotes between D.C. Garage and Safeway Door.

Mike Shoda then appeared before the Council and filed his monthly report. He also reported that the 2004 truck was now ready for sale since it had been replaced by a new truck that had been purchased. The town attorney asked about the requirements of having a private sale on this truck versus going through an auction. Mr. Shoda also asked if he could purchase a dryer for use in drying their work clothes. The Council approved this request unanimously on the motion of Member McFarland and the second of Member Hanley. Mr. Shoda then asked about the installation of safety grading at the main lift station. After discussion, Member Hanley moved to have the safety grading installed by Haskins & Company at a cost of no more than \$2,000.00, which motion was seconded by Member Wattenbarger and unanimously approved.

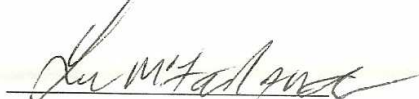
Mr. Keyser appeared again before the Council and asked that Mark Mosier be re-appointed to the Board of Zoning appeals. Member Wattenbarger moved to appoint Mr. Mosier for a new 4-year term on the BZA, which motion was seconded by Member McFarland and unanimously approved by the Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on the quotes that had been received for repairs of the Dodge Charger. Member Hanley asked that Kevin Cotterman be given a chance to quote on these repairs in hopes that the job might be given to a local businessman. Member Wattenbarger complained that he had not been notified of the damage to this car and had to learn it other than from the police department.

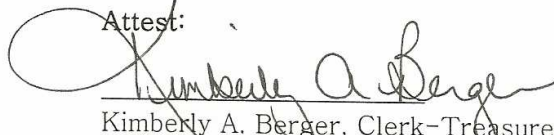
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Les McFarland, president

Attest:

  
Kimberly A. Berger, Clerk-Treasurer